

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR COUNSELOR INSTITUTE EXTENDED!!!!!!

As announced previously, the Second Annual Central Missouri State University/DESE Counselor Institute will be held at Central Missouri State University's Central Summit Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 8:00-4:00. Topics for the Institute include: Brief Counseling in the School Setting; Legal and Ethical Issues; Introducing Career Clusters; Art Therapy; Introduction to EXCEL; Results Based Evaluation; New Guidance Curriculum; and Writing Effective Guidance Lessons. **Some sessions are all-day sessions and some have limited seating. REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2006.** If you have questions about the Institute, contact Dr. Janelle Cowles, 1334 Lovinger Hall, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Phone: 660-543-4341 or by e-mail at cowles@cmsu1.cmsu.edu

B. MORE RESPONSES NEEDED ON SURVEY!!!!

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Career Education, is conducting a survey to determine professional needs for career education in Missouri. Survey results will also be used to establish longitudinal baseline information and trend patterns. Please encourage teachers, administrators and counselors to take a few minutes out of their time in the next week to complete this important survey, which will be used to help guide professional development in the future.

People can take the survey by visiting the following web address: http://www.mcce.org/pd_survey/ and click on the link in the middle of the page to continue. The link takes you to the Survey Consent Form. You will need to confirm your consent to participate in order to access the survey instrument. Responses will be completely anonymous; survey administrators will have no means to connect responses to a person's identity. **The survey will close May 1,** so please submit responses prior to that date.

The survey consists of six sections: (I) Demographics, (II) Focus on Student Success, (III) Administration and Accountability, (IV) Effective Use of Data, (V) Additional Topics, and (VI) Topic Priorities. Completion of the survey will take approximately 15 minutes. Please be sure to complete all six sections. Responses to the last section (VI) will help in prioritizing professional development needs and are very important to future planning.

Questions regarding this survey may be directed to the Missouri Center for Career Education (660-543-8768). Your cooperation in completing this activity is greatly appreciated.

C. DIGEST ISSUES AND "SPECIAL TRANSMISSIONS" IN MAY

It doesn't seem possible that, by this time next month, some school districts will have begun summer activities. At this time, plans are to send out issues of the Digest on May 5, 19, and Jun 2. These issues will be posted within a week after they have been sent out on the Guidance and Placement website at http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divcareered/guidance_digest.htm If we receive information during that period that needs to be disseminated in a more timely fashion than using the Digest issue dates, it is possible that some "Special Transmissions" will be sent out at various times. More information will be sent out in the May 5 Digest.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

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{CURRICULUM}

RESOURCE FOR CAREER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Guidance Channel Ezine has Career Education as its focus this month To see this resource for many aspects of career education go to: <http://www.guidancechannel.com/>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. HOW GERMANY KEEPS KIDS FROM DROPPING OUT

Imagine a world in which corporations, instead of merely lamenting the shortage of skilled labor, volunteer to train vast numbers of the non-college-bound and pay them a bundle along the way. If you want to read more about what is happening in another country, go to <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1182439,00.html>

B. MAPPING YOUR FUTURE'S TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS: PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE EDUCATION (WITH LINKS TO INFORMATION FROM THE MAPPING YOUR FUTURE WEBSITE)

10. Save money as early as possible to help pay for your child's education and consider education loyalty and affinity programs: mapping-your-future.org/paying/saving.htm, mapping-your-future.org/paying/affinity.htm
9. Encourage your child to make high school count, preparing academically for higher education: mapping-your-future.org/features/mhscparent.htm
8. Discuss with your child his or her skills and interests, career options, and schools he or she is interested in attending: mapping-your-future.org/features/careership/
7. Meet with the high school guidance counselor to determine what schools match your child's academic abilities: mapping-your-future.org/selecting/schools.htm
6. Gather information about the schools your child is interested in attending, including information on financial aid. Review the junior year tips and follow the senior year calendar to help your student prepare for admissions and financial aid: mapping-your-future.org/features/juniortips.htm, mapping-your-future.org/features/seniorcalendar.htm
5. Help your child apply for admission. To apply for financial aid, help your child complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): mapping-your-future.org/paying/fafsa.htm
4. Consider scholarships, grants, and work-study programs: mapping-your-future.org/paying/finaid2.htm
3. Consider the loan programs available to you and your child: mapping-your-future.org/paying/plusguide.htm, mapping-your-future.org/paying/loans.htm
2. Learn more about tax credits, deductions, and other considerations for education expenses: mapping-your-future.org/paying/tax.htm

And the number one tip for paying for planning for your child's college education is . . .

1. Help your child to manage his or her student loan debt by deciding how much you and your child can afford to borrow and repay: mapping-your-future.org/paying/repaymnt.htm

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A. YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SURVEY (YRBSS) RESULTS COMING IN JUNE.

The YRBSS was developed in 1990 to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. These behaviors, often established during childhood and early adolescence, include: Tobacco use; Unhealthy dietary behaviors; Inadequate physical activity; Alcohol and other drug use; Sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection; and Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence.

The YRBSS includes national, state, and local school-based surveys of representative samples of 9th through 12th grade students. These surveys are conducted every two years, usually during the spring semester. The national survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), provides data representative of high school students in public and private schools in the United States. The

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state and local surveys, conducted by departments of health and education, provide data representative of the state or local school district. To see the latest results for Missouri,(2003) and or to see the2005 results when they become available in June, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>

B. INFORMATION TO HELP YOU IN ASSIST STUDENTS IN LEARNING HOW TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT THEIR WELL BEING.

The Department of Health and Senior Services has some information that you might share with students and health teachers on tobacco use in Missouri. To see it, go to <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/SmokingAndTobacco/TSlayout.pdf>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT

A. A. COUNSELOR ADVOCACY SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY-Provided by Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA)-Joni Rost and Jennifer Frankenberg, Advocacy/Public Relations Co-Chairs:

- Do end-of-year evaluation
- Plan for next year's programming

"He that goes barefoot must not plant thorns." Quote by George Herbert

B. NEW COUNSELOR POSITION OPENING!!

The Dallas County R-1 Board of Education has approved the hiring of a Counselor for the Dallas County Career Center. The Counselor will be responsible for the following duties: Student Placement services, Student Recruitment, Coordination of scheduling with 10 sending schools, and general guidance issues. If interested, contact: Alex Kyser, Director, Dallas County Career Center P.O. Box 100 , Louisburg, Mo 65685 Phone: 417-752-3491

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!!THE SECOND ANNUAL CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY/DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, FRIDAY, JUNE 23 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 24 8:00-4:00. SEE NOTICE AT BEGINNING OF DIGEST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

B. AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUN 24-27 IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS. For information, go to <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

C. 12TH ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE-JULY 13-15, 2006, HYATT REGENCY UNION STATION HOTEL-ST. LOUIS For information, go to: <http://www.characterplus.org/main.asp?nID=425&NavID=2>

D. 20TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK (HSTW) SUMMER CONFERENCE, ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, JULY 12 - 15, 2006. For information, go to <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/professionalDev/SummerConference/2006Conferenceindex.asp>

E. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE, JULY 24-27, 2006 IN SPRINGFIELD For information, visit <http://www.mo-acte.org/>

F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOV. 5-7, 2006 - TAN-TAR-A - LAKE OF THE OZARKS. To see information as it becomes available, go to: <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

G. THE BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 12-14, 2006, AT TAN-TAR-A RESORT. To see information as it becomes available, go to: <http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>

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